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Two new trustee, assessor candidates top caucus GOP results

Two incumbent trustees lose seats while incumbent highway commissioner wins

Grant Township Republicans will have a new assessor candidate and a farm-driven trustee slate in the April election.

Deputy assessor Susie Sheppard is the GOP candidate for assessor, beating Bruce Burton, 208 to 166.

In trustee contests, top vote getters were incumbent Bill Boose with 314; incumbent Steve Willard, 244; Dale Lithgow, 231; and Connie Wilson, 191.

Other contestants and their tallies were James Eyrich, 147; incumbent Jean Minick, 155; and incumbent Fred Ward, 139.

In other races, incumbent highway commissioner Jim Crouch will be on the ballot. Crouch received 310 votes to challenger Ken Morris' 61.

Incumbent supervisor Carol Flint and town clerk Joyce Dukes received 334 and 347 votes. Both ran

unopposed.

Turnout for Tuesday's caucus, at 374, was slightly lower than the caucus four years ago, which drew approximately 500 voters.

"It was a little lighter than I expected," said Burton, chairman of the Grant Township Republican Central Committee. "There was a lot of competition, so I thought there would be more."

Burton, in charge of the caucus, said the process "went pretty smoothly."

As central committee chair, Burton was in charge of setting caucus rules, which included having interested candidates file letters of intent to be on the ballot. Nominations were not accepted from the floor.

Winners at Tuesday's caucus may face opposition from independent challengers in the April election.

Independent candidates have until Jan. 21 to file their intent to seek office.

U.S. Representative addresses concerns of area residents

Topics ranging from "political shenanigans" to the effect of welfare reform on township government were on the minds of approximately 20 area residents

Tuesday when they met with U.S. Rep. Tom Ewing (R-Pontiac) at the Hoopeston municipal building.

See **CONCERNS** on other side

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Police News



Two injured in afternoon crash

Two people were injured in a car accident at 3:36 p.m. Tuesday Schumacher Electric.

Bonnie K. Moore of 503 N. Seventh Ave., and an unidentified passenger, were taken to Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital following the accident.

Police said Moore, in a 1993 Ford Escort, was eastbound on Thompson when she was struck by a 1985 Dodge driven by John E. Crusic, 43, of 313 E. Lyle, Milford.

Crusic was ticketed for failure to yield while making a left turn.

In other police news:

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 2:28 p.m. Sunday at Euclid and Route 9.

Concerns continued from other side

Welfare reform, passed by the Congress last session, will be fine-tuned this session "to make sure it works," Ewing said.

Regarding other issues, Ewing said entitlement

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Jan. 9, 1997

Admitted: Florence Alt, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Alta Longest and Homer Baker, Hoopeston; Salome Gudeman, Cissna Park.

Jan. 10, 1997

Admitted: Delbert Crawford, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Cecil Burge, Ada Stuebe, Goldie Lawson, all of Hoopeston.

Jan. 11, 1997

Admitted: none.

Discharged: none.

Jan. 12, 1997

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Elizabeth Finley, Hoopeston.

Jan. 13, 1997

Admitted: Harry Beckley, Rossville.

Discharged: none.

Amanda A. Hardcastle, 905 E. McCracken, in a 1994 Hyundai, was southbound on Euclid and slid through the intersection, striking a 1988 Buick driven by Joanne M. Parrish, 911 W. Arms St., Williamsport, Ind. Parrish was westbound on Route 9.

Amy L. Catron, 822 E. Honeywell, reported Sunday that a cellular phone was taken from her car.

A 1986 Audi was towed Monday from Jerry's IGA. The car is owned by Tommy Norris of Holland, Mich.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 7:20 a.m. Tuesday at South Fifth St. and East Orange.

A 1997 Ford, driven by William S. Crose, 901 Sprague Road, was stopped at the intersection and was hit by a 1991 Oldsmobile driven by Amanda M. Callahan, 41314N 2000 E Road. Police said Callahan slid on the ice and was unable to stop.

programs must be examined to help balance the budget and that some programs, such as reduced inheritance tax, less stringent capital gains taxes and a balanced budget, will stimulate the economy.

He also panned suggested changes that would require farm chemicals to be classified as hazardous materials during transport, calling the proposal "ridiculous."

Obituaries

BUSH - Earl S. Bush, 91, of Rossville, died at 8 p. m. Sunday, Jan. 12, 1997, at Fairview Baptist Home in Downers Grove. A memorial service will be held at Alternative Funeral Services in Westmount. Burial will be in the spring in Mann's Chapel Cemetery, Rossville. Memorials are suggested to the Rossville Presbyterian Church or Rossville Historical Society.

Weather



Snow today with 3-6" accumulation possible. Chance of snow 90 percent. High in the mid 20s. Tonight, 60 percent chance of flurries. Low in the teens. Tomorrow, windy, much colder, chance of flurries. High near 13, low near 3 with wind chills to -30.

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